

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4230
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2005
ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE
Saradgi Shri Iqbal Ahmed

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received a proposal from Karnataka for establishment of regional Centre at Dharwad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A project proposal estimated at Rs.6.50 crores for setting up of Regional Science Centre at Dharwad has been received to be executed through the Regional Science Centre Society (Regd.) Dharwad, under the supervision and technical guidance of the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Kolkata. The State Government of Karnataka will provide 10 acres of fully developed land free of cost and will share the 50% of Capital cost with a request for providing the remaining 50% of the project cost by the Government of India. The total cost of Rs.6.50 crores will cover expenditure on construction of building, development of Science Park, fabrication and installation of exhibits, installation of Taramandal, development of educational activities and mobile science exhibition unit. After its establishment all recurring expenditure will be borne by the State Government.

(c): The State Government has been requested to agree to the physical and financial requirement for the Centre as worked out by NCSM and to furnish the requisite information as called for by the Government of India.